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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CONSULATE BANK ACCOUNT

REF: FRANKE/RANDALL TELCON OF JULY 17, 1975

TREASURY FOR CDO OHANIAN

STATE FOR WFC

1. BANK OF AMERICA VERBALLY CONFIRMS ITS INTENTION TO CLOSE BUT WILL NOT PROVIDE CONSULATE WITH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CREDIT MARTINIQUEAIS TERMINATE AROUND END OF JULY. BOA WILL ONLY BE WILLING AT END OF NEGOTIATIONS TO GIVE A FIRM COMMITMENT ON DEFINITE DATE OF CLOSING.
2. HOWEVER BOA EXPECTS TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS TO TAKE PLACE ON LAST WORKING DAY AUGUST 29. CONSULATE ACCOUNT WILL BE SERVICED BY CREDIT MARTINIQUEAIS AFTER THAT DATE.
3. BOA DIRECTOR BELIEVES CREDIT MARTINIQUEAIS WILL ACCEPT PREPRINTED BOA CHECKS DURING TRANSITION PERIOD IF THIS IS NECESSARY. CONSULATE HAS NOT RPT NOT CONSULTED DIRECTLY WITH CREDIT MARTINIQUEAIS ON THIS POINT.
4. CONSULATE RECOMMENDS TRANSFER OF CONSULATE ACCOUNT TO LOCAL BRANCH OF CHASE MAHATTAN BANK BEFORE AUGUST 29. CHASE IS THE ONLY OTHER US BANKING INSTITUTION IN MARTINIQUE AND WE BELIEVE

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FOR OPTICAL REASONS WE SHOULD STAY WITH AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION.

IF NECESSARY WE COULD OPERATE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD WITH TWO
ACCOUNTS UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING CHECKS ON THE BOA ACCOUNT WERE
CLEARED AND THEN SWITCH TO CHASE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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